Application No. 10/731,594 Filed: December 8, 2003

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1 to 5, 9 to 19, and 23 to 27 are allowable. Applicants affirm the previous telephonic election of claims 1 to 5, 9 to 19, and 23 to 27 for further prosecution. Claims 6 to 8 and 20 to 22 have been canceled.

Applicants have amended the Title of the specification to be more descriptive of the claimed compounds. Applicants have amended the Abstract to be more descriptive of the technical disclosure of the application, including the generic depiction of the compounds of the claims and their utility. The Abstract is set out on a separate sheet, page 18 of this paper, as required by 37 CFR 1.72.

It is respectfully submitted that all formal objections raised by the Examiner have been satisfied. If the Examiner feels there are any other issues that need to be addressed in order for this application to be passed to allowance, it is requested that the Examiner call the undersigned.

No further fee is believed to be required in connection the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,

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